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TO : Chief, Regulations Control Staff
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FROM : Deputy Comptroller

SUBJECT: Redelegations of Authority to Perform Functions
Delegated to Agency Officials

REF : Regulation [] Paragraph 2a

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1. The referenced provision of Agency regulations provides that each Deputy Director is responsible for and has authority to carry out the functions specified for him by regulation, and stipulates that, "Except when prohibited from so doing, he may delegate to members of his Staff appropriate portions of his responsibilities together with proportionate authority for their fulfillment, but such action will not relieve him of direct over-all responsibility for results."

2. Throughout Agency regulations specific responsibilities and authorities are delegated to other Agency officials who should be charged with responsibility for the results accomplished; however, in many cases the actual performance of actions required must of necessity be delegated by the designated officials to members of their staffs. In order to obviate the necessity to specify in each case in which redelegation of a responsibility or authority is permissible by adding such words as "or his designee" after the identification of an official, it is recommended that a provision similar to that quoted in paragraph 1, above, be incorporated in Regulation [] to extend the same policy to all officials to whom responsibilities or authorities are delegated. Under such policy, in the absence of a statement that specific responsibility or authority set forth in Agency regulations cannot be redelegated it would be clearly understood by all concerned that redelegation to members of the staff of the named official is authorized.

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